



Plant Botanical Name:

Gaillardia aestivalis

Plant Sub Species or Variety:

var. *winkleri*

Known commonly as Winkler's gaillardia, these plants are found in only one county in eastern Texas. This endangered species is extremely well-adapted to its native habitat, the sandhills of the east Texas pineywoods, and could prove to be a wonderful garden plant. Development and fire suppression have threatened this endemic and rare species. Currently there are efforts to protect remaining habitat and to study the effects of periodic controlled burning on threatened plants.